

Foster PROCESS

Inquiry Stage

- Attend Foster Care Orientation
- Complete pre-application

Orientation Stage

- Pre-home inspection with Foster Care Certification Specialist (FCCS)
- Complete application

Pre-Certification Stage

- Foster parent training
 - Sign up for classes
 - Training consists of 27 ½ hours; 25 ½ hours are done in-person in a classroom setting and 2 hours are completed online
 - Training is typically completed over a four-week period
- CPR and First Aid
- Medical health evaluation
- Fingerprints
 - Certification Specialist will schedule an appointment for fingerprints
- Home study process
 - Requested by Home Study Lead
 - Family will be contacted by home study provider
 - Home study completed within 45-60 days
- Home inspection visit
 - Certification Specialist will complete your home inspection and review all documentation
 - Contract will be signed by the family
 - Home inspection and any safety concerns should be completed within three weeks of the Initial Home Visit for Certification

Certification Finalization

- Contract is submitted to the Board of County Commissioners
- Once all documentation is signed and reviewed, the home will be certified and the foster family will receive their foster home certification

Annual Re-Certification

- Complete 20 hours of training annually
- Home study updated annually
- Health evaluation updated annually
- Updated First Aid and CPR certification biennially
- Provide updated documentation